

# **James McNeely Papers**

## **PC.1906**

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## Summary Information

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**Repository** State Archives of North Carolina

**Creator** McNeely, James

**Title** James McNeely Papers

**Date [inclusive]** 1838-1870

**Extent** 7.0 boxes

**General Physical  
Description note**

**Language** English

**Abstract** James McNeely (circa 1813-1887) was born in the portion of Burke County that by 1842 had become part of McDowell County. In 1847 a bond was submitted on behalf of McNeely as a McDowell County constable. McNeely also operated a tavern and a general merchandise store in Turkey Cove. In 1855 he married Catherine McCall (1836-1925).

**Abstract** Papers include writs of execution, notes of debt, receipts, and summonses from McNeely's service as constable of McDowell County during the late 1840s. There are also business papers, including accounts and correspondence, representing his work from 1845, possibly as a tavern owner, then in partnership with J. Young in the general merchandise concern of Young and McNeely, Turkey Hamlet, McDowell County, around 1855.

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## Biographical/Historical note

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### Chronology

1777	Creation of Burke County from land previously in Rowan County
1790's	Increasing influx of early settlers, including English, Scots, and Scots-Irish.
1773 ca.	Birth of Martha McNeely, possibly the grandmother or mother of James, David McNeely, and probably other children.
1810 ca.	Birth of David McNeely, probably a brother of James
1813 ca.	Birth of James McNeely (JM)
1827	Robert McCall appointed a justice of the Burke County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions. Future father-in law.
1840	James McNeely, age ca. 27, living alone in Burke County and employed in agriculture.
1842	Formation of McDowell County from Rutherford and Burke.
1847	Bond submitted on behalf of JM, authorizing his service as a constable.
1855	Establishment of a general merchandise store, Young and McNeely, Turkey Cove.
1879	JM appointed postmaster at Caruth, NW McDowell County
1886	JM service as postmaster ended
1887	Death of JM and burial at McNeely Cemetery, McDowell County.

## Collection Overview

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## Collection Arrangement

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This collection is organized by record type and is generally in chronological order. The writs and summons are arranged in bundles, in their original order as maintained by McNeely and placed in alphabetical order by the first letter of the surname.

Two series: Personal Business Papers; Constable Records

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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Available for research

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## Acquisitions Information

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## Processing Information note

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## Related Materials

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### Related Collections

Additional information on topics found in this collection may be found in the Manuscript and Archives Reference System (MARS) <http://mars.archives.ncdcr.gov/BasicSearch.aspx>

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Family Name(s)

- McNeely family

### Geographic Name(s)

- McDowell County (N.C.)

### Occupation(s)

- Constables--North Carolina--McDowell County

### Subject(s)

- Retail stores--North Carolina

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## General note

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The box at the end of this collection contains two handmade leather bags designed for storage of summons and other notices McNeely carried in the discharge of duties as constable. It is presumed that he carried these smaller bags within a larger saddlebag or strapped them directly on the horse he rode in rural McDowell County. The bags were cleaned by State Archives conservator, Emily Rainwater, who made custom containers for the bags.



## Personal Business Papers

## Collection Inventory

## Personal Business Papers 1838-1870 (Bulk, 1845-1857)

	Box	Folder
Tavern Sales Records-Whiskey, Wine, Tobacco, 1845	PC. 1906.1	1
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Purchases and Receipts, Charleston, S.C., 1855-1856		7
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		<b>Folder</b>
Correspondence, McNeely, James, 1851		2
Correspondence, McNeely, James, 1852		3
Correspondence, McNeely, James, 1853		4
Correspondence, McNeely, James, 1854		5
Correspondence, McNeely, James, 1855		6
Correspondence, McNeely, James, 1856-1857		7
Correspondence, McNeely, James, Undated		8
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Sam McNeely, 1848-1849	PC. 1906.3
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B, Surnames beginning with, 1846-1853	PC. 1906.3
C, Surnames beginning with, 1847-1853	PC. 1906.3
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E, Surnames beginning with, 1849-1857	PC. 1906.4
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N, Surnames beginning with, 1848, 1852	PC. 1906.4

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O, Surnames beginning with, 1852	PC. 1906.4
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